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Applicant: Aidan Hughes and David Pearce
Serial No.: 10/668,580 Group Art Unit:
Filed: September 23, 2003 Docket No.: 60001.0026USD1/MS111814.3
Title: Hardware ID to Prevent Software Piracy

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

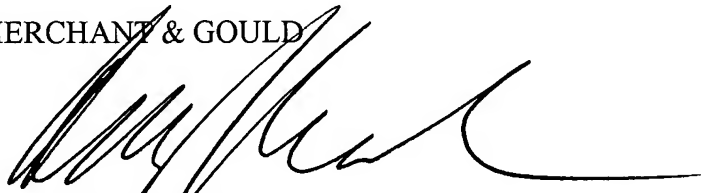
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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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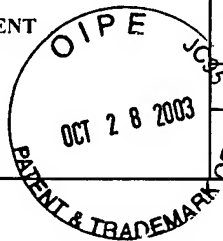
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	4,688,169	08/1987	Joshi	364	200	
	4,796,220	01/1989	Wolfe	364	900	
	5,490,216	02/1996	Richardson III	380	4	

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